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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OIR Intelligence Report entitled "Soviet Sensitivities"

1. With the approval of the Board, PSB has undertaken a study of the psychological vulnerabilities of the Soviet Union. The question might be stated, "What things that we say or do make the Soviets scream?".

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2. The committee on this project consists of Boris Klosson of OIR/State, [REDACTED] CIA, and Bill Godel of OSD. [REDACTED] was also on this committee before he transferred to ERS. The committee decided that the first task was to prepare an intelligence paper on the subject and OIR, under the direction of Klosson, has completed the study which is attached. After the attached report has been studied by members of the committee and by staff members of PSB, the committee members will meet again to draft changes and to make recommendations to the Director, PSB, for possible Board action.

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3. This basic report is a case study. It does not purport to be complete or attempt to rank the vulnerabilities in their order of importance. The reader will find a certain amount of overlapping, but he will also note that in the discussion of any particular vulnerability other vulnerabilities are revealed. This report may, therefore, prove useful later in the preparation of guidance directives or policy plans to operatives on basic propaganda themes or repeatable U.S. psywar actions.

4. Your comments on the report will be appreciated and also any suggestions you may have about what studies or actions should now follow.

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Attachment: Intelligence Report, No. 6164, Feb. 9, 1953
"Soviet Sensitivities"

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